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Revival of Water Bodies
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of availability of drinking water in Karnataka throughout the year;
(b) whether drinking water is not available to the people of Karnataka since the available resources of water such as wells and ponds have dried up; and
(c) if so, the action plan drawn up by the Government to revive water bodies and ensuring availability of drinking water through rivers and canals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) & (b) As per the information furnished by the State of Karnataka there are 60,220 rural habitations in 176 Taluks out of which 46,118 habitations of 160 Taluks are drought affected. More than 80% of rural water supply schemes depend on ground water source. Successive drought and over exploitation of ground water by different sectors have affected source and sustainability, due to which coverage is affected and supply level is drastically reduced and quality is also affected.
As on 28.01.2017, in 465 rural habitations with population of 4.048 lakhs drinking water is supplied through tankers.
(c) The Karnataka state has taken up 544 numbers of Multi Village Schemes (MVS) with surface water as source to address coverage and quality. Sustainability structures such as Check dams, Percolation tanks, roof top rain water harvesting structures have been taken up.